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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 2469

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SUBJECT: NEW MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN

1. ABDELLATIF FILALI, GOM AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, WAS NAMED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MOROCCO TO THE UN ON APRIL 25. FILALI, 50, BRINGS IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS TO HIS NEW POSITION, INCLUDING A STINT AS FOREIGN MINISTER (1971-72), AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN (1974-78 AND 1969-71), ALGERIA (1967-68), THE PRC (1965-67), AND THE BENELUX COUNTRIES AND THE EEC (1962-65), AND CHARGE IN PARIS (1960-61) AND AT THE UN (1958-59). FILALI ALSO SPENT BRIEF PERIODS AS HEAD OF THE ROYAL CABINET (1959) AND AS MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (1968).

2. THE UN POST HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE MAY 1977 AND HAD BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY OFFERED TO AT LEAST TWO OTHERS, WHO TURNED IT DOWN FOR PERSONAL REASONS. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, FILALI WAS THE KING'S PERSONAL CHOICE, CONFIDENTIAL

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APPOINTED DESPITE RESERVATIONS BY FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA. FILALI'S LONG RECORD OF LOYALTY TO THE REGIME AND TECHNICAL COMPETENCE NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTED TO HIS APPOINTMENT. HOWEVER, HE MAY FALL SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF MOROCCO'S EFFORTS AT THE UN, WHICH INCLUDE, IN LARGE PART, SELLING THE GOM POSITION ON THE WESTERN SAHARA. FILIALI

HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBED AS SHY, UNCOMMUNICATIVE,
TACITURN, RESERVED, AND COLORLESS, WHILE SOURCES
IN THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN RABAT HAVE COMPLAINED THAT HE
HAS BEEN RATHER "HEAVY HANDED" DURING HIS TENURE IN
MADRID.
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